

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masato AKITA, et al.

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FOR: DIRECT TYPE FUEL CELL POWER GENERATOR

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- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AA (5,863,671) on Form PTO-1449:**

This discloses plastic mono and bipolar collector plates for fuel cell. But a single serpentine channel in the plates are not designed coming and going between plural electrode membranes without branching.

**Reference AO (6-60905) on Form PTO-1449:**

This discloses plastic monopolar collector plate for fuel cell. But channels in the plate are not designed.

**Reference AP 8-237696)on Form PTO-1449:**

This discloses a bipolar collector plate which is shared by plural electrode membranes. But a single serpentine channel in the plate is not designed coming and going between plural electrode membranes without branching. (36~39 in Fig. 10)

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,863,671	01/26/99	Reginald G. SPEAR, Jr., et al			
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	AO	6-60905	03/04/94	Japan	YES		X
	AP	8-273696	10/18/96	Japan			X
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